



Old Man Coyote Makes the World

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Your Mission: Using the Crow story about Old Man Coyote, answer the following questions on how the earth and its living things were created. Then, read the second myth to complete the “Extend your thinking” section.

What did the ducks find below the surface of the water?



Answer:



Using the photo above as a reference, what did Coyote now do with this?

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What was added to these things to make them more interesting?

Why were people created?



Why were more ducks and then animals created?



Why were women created?

What was created when everyone was bored? What did this animal do? How did we then get music?

Why do bears hibernate?





According to the myth, why do people have fire and weapons?



How does the myth describe why we have different languages?

How does the myth describe why we have war?

How does the myth describe why we have wife stealing?



Extend your thinking:

1. From the two myths, what can you conclude about how Native American peoples view traditions, beliefs, or the natural world?
2. How do these myths portray Native American beliefs about humankind's place in the world?
3. How does your own view of your place in the world shape your beliefs?
4. Representing an object or an animal as if it has the feelings or abilities of a person is called **personification**. How does the personification within each myth influence the myth's meaning? Why might a storyteller use an object instead of a person as a character?